

Legion Supports Military Training Bill In Congress

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that every member of the Senate be immediately contacted by as many of their constituents as possible requesting their support of the bill, the committee reports. This activity is immediately and vitally necessary in view of the concentrated activity of opponents to Universal Military Training. The Communist Party, through the National Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training has proclaimed this as "National Anti-Universal Military Training Week." We must overwhelmingly offset this movement at once. Letters from Posts,

Units and individual members of the American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary, should be sent to each of the two Senators from your state at once.

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1947 Record Year For Tobacco Crop

More flue-cured tobacco was produced throughout the world last year than in any other 12 months in history, reports C. Brice Ratchford, Extension farm management specialist at State College.

Quoting figures released recently by the Foreign Agricultural Relations Office of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Mr. Ratchford said the total 1947 flue-cured crop reached 1,824,000,000 pounds, exceeding the previous record, set in 1946, by 9,000,000 pounds.

The 1947 production, he continued, was 18 per cent greater than the 1945 crop and 47 per cent larger than the 1935-39 average.

Countries showing an increase in 1947 production over the previous year were Italy, China, Southern Rhodesia, Australia, New Zealand, and the Union of South

Africa. Countries showing a slight decrease were the United States, Canada, India, and Brazil, the Canadian reduction having been caused by an early frost. Production in virtually all countries in 1947 was considerably higher than in 1945 and preceding years, Mr. Ratchford said.

Of the total crop of 1,824,000,000 pounds, the United States produced 1,331,348,000 pounds. Second largest producer was China, followed by Canada, India, and Southern Rhodesia.

Potato Growers To Vote On Agreement

Irish potato growers in 41 Eastern North Carolina counties will vote April 27 to determine whether they favor the marketing agreement and order proposed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, says G. T. Scott, chairman of the State Production and Marketing Committee.

The program was recommended after a series of public meetings had been held with potato producers and handlers. Votes will be cast at local county Agricultural Conservation Association offices.

Under a marketing agreement and order, Mr. Scott said, growers would be able to uphold the quality of potato shipments. Provision could be made for regulating the grade, size, and quality of shipments. Grade and size regulations would be initiated by a committee composed of North Carolina and Virginia potato producers and handlers.

Mr. Scott explained that under such a program the growers can, especially in periods of surplus production, help themselves much better by emphasizing the marketing of quality potatoes.

"This," he continued, "insures protection of markets for quality potatoes. Should the potato committee feel it necessary, it could recommend that culls and low grade potatoes be held off fresh markets. However, under the proposed program, no regulation of the marketing of U. S. No. 1 grade or better grade potatoes is allowed."

North Carolina counties included in the proposed program are: Northampton, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Currituck, Camden, Halifax, Nash, Edgecombe, Pitt, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Craven, Carteret, Onslow, Jones, Scotland, Hoke, Harnett, Robeson, Cumberland, Sampson, Johnston, Wilson, Wayne, Greene, Lenoir, Duplin, Bladen, Columbus, Pender, New Hanover, and Brunswick.

Lt. Col. Swanson And Family Will Return to States

With the Eighth Army in Yokohama, Japan, April 14.—Lt. Col. George Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Swanson, 212 East Burton Street, High Point, N. C., has recently received orders for the return to the zone of the interior for re-assignment in the states. He is tentatively scheduled to depart May 10, 1948.

Entering the army in January, 1941, at Washington, D. C., Col. Swanson was assigned to the headquarters F. A. R. T. C. at camp Roberts, California. From February 1941, until July 1943, at which time he was transferred to S-L Camp Roberts. He then was stationed at Camp Maxie, Texas from October 1944, to March, 1945, at which time he received his orders for embarkation to the far east theater, assigned as Adjutant General of the Nanking Headquarters Command from March to June, 1946. Col. Swanson then received his orders for assignment to the Eighth Army Headquarters, Yokohama, Japan, in September, 1946.

Included in his awards are: the Bronze Star, American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, Philippines liberation, and the Victory Medal, and the Occupation Ribbon.

Prior to his entering the armed services Col. Swanson attended the Wilkesboro high school, Wilkesboro, N. C. and the Gregg College, Chicago, Ill. His wife, Mrs. Alice Swanson, and his two children will accompany him on his return to the States.

2 Burke County Men Drown While Fishing

Morganton.—Burke County sheriff's officers reported yesterday that Furman Ledbetter, about 60, and his son-in-law, Aray Weaver, 36, drowned in Lake James Sunday near the spot where four Morganton men were drowned about a month ago.

Weaver and Ledbetter, both of Shelby, were drowned when their motorboat nosed under water and sank. Two other members of the fishing party were rescued by a passing boat.

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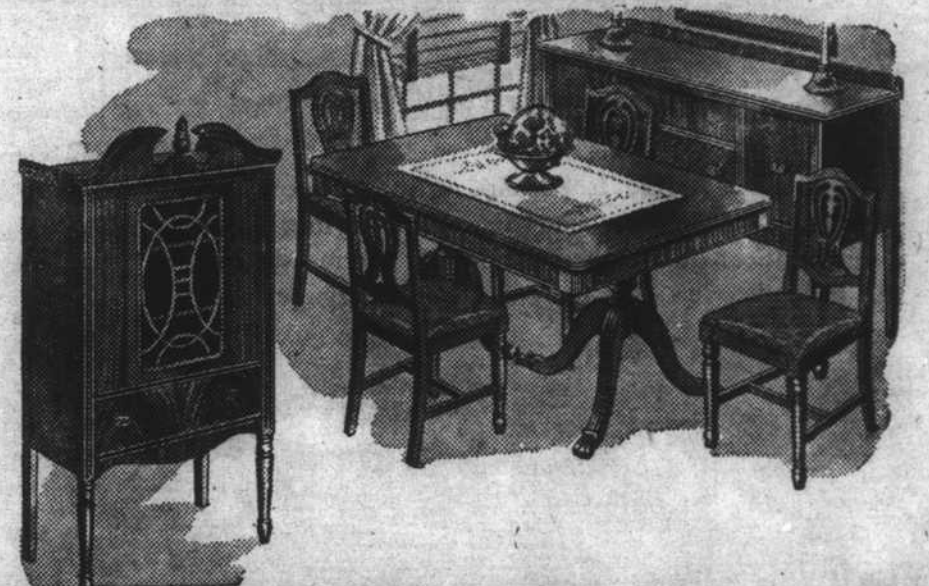
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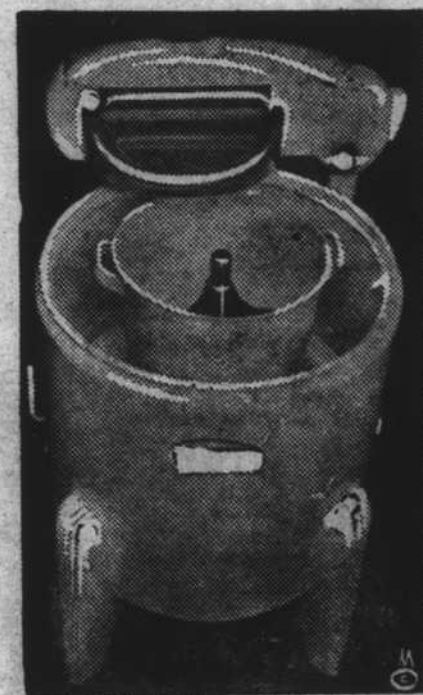
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